Introduction

History

Lamar University opened its first extension center in Orange, in the fall of 1969, with classes in the former Tilley Elementary School. In 1971, the Texas Legislature passed legislation allowing Lamar University to operate a two-year educational center; thus removing the extension status and allowing students to take two full years of coursework on the Orange campus.

In 1971 fire destroyed the building; and a spirited community-wide fundraising effort netted more than $250,000 for the purchase of the former Sabine Supply Company building, located at 410 Front St., in Orange. Classes began at the new location in the fall of 1971.

Since that time facilities, enrollment, and course offerings have grown steadily. Instructional programs are offered in five divisions: Liberal Arts, Mathematics and Science, Business and Technology, Education, and Allied Health.

The Texas Legislature authorized the creation of the Lamar University System in 1983. In 1991 the legislature provided degree-granting authority to Lamar University – Orange (LU-O). Effective Sept. 1, 1995, LU-O, along with sister institutions in Port Arthur and Beaumont, became part of the Texas State University System (TSUS). With system offices in Austin, the TSUS also includes Angelo State University, Sam Houston State University, Texas State University - San Marcos, Sul Ross State University and Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College.

During the 1999 legislative session, Lamar University - Orange was officially renamed Lamar State College - Orange (LSC-O), and funds totaling nearly $10 million were authorized for a new main building, a central plant, and campus infrastructure. The building was occupied in May 2001.

In September 2008, the campus sustained substantial damage, due to Hurricane Ike. Because of the flood damage, furniture, fixtures, lab equipment, and computers were replaced for several buildings.

Lamar State College - Orange currently has a student body of approximately 2,426. Two-year academic programs are offered in Business, Communication, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, Liberal Arts, Theater, Natural Science, and Sociology. These academic programs lead to Associate of Science degrees and will transfer to four-year institutions for students seeking baccalaureate degrees. Thirty technical programs are available, leading to Associate of Applied Science degrees, Certificates of Completion, and Institutional Awards. Some of these degrees include Process Operating and Industrial Technology, Instrumentation, and Medical Office Technology. Customized training programs to meet the needs of local business and industry are offered through the Continuing and Workforce Education Department.

Governance

A board of nine regents, appointed by the governor and approved by the state senate for terms of six years, governs the Texas State University System. The Board of Regents delegates the direction of university affairs to the presidents, campus administrative officers and faculty.
Mission Statement

Lamar State College - Orange is a two-year open admissions, lower-division component of the Texas State University System.

Our mission is:

a. to provide, through traditional and innovative delivery systems, an academic curriculum that offers associate degrees and prepares students for transfer to senior colleges and universities;

b. to provide, through traditional and innovative delivery systems, certificate and Associate of Applied Science Degree programs that prepare students for employment;

c. to provide support services that facilitate and enhance student learning and success;

d. to provide continuing education and customized training programs for upgrading employment skills and/or for those pursuing areas of personal interest; and

e. to sponsor and/or participate in community activities that support economic development, promote cultural engagement, and/or encourage cooperation with area school districts.

Accreditation

Lamar State College - Orange is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science degrees, and certificates of completion. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Lamar State College - Orange.
Community Services and Continuing Education Programs

The Brown Estate

The Brown Estate is a conference and meeting facility located off Highway 90 west of Orange. It is a center of educational, cultural, and social activity, which serves the citizens of Orange County and the surrounding area. The 68 acres of scenic landscaped grounds, including lakes and greenhouses, feature a graceful mansion built and decorated in the Southern antebellum plantation tradition.

LSC-O received the estate in 1976 as a gift from the four sons of the late Edgar W. Brown Jr., an Orange businessman and philanthropist, who served as a charter member of the Lamar University Foundation, Inc. The property, which is open to the public for tours, provides visitors with insights into the accomplishments and lifestyle of one of the region’s leading citizens. The center can be reserved for seminars, meetings, planning retreats, and other public service activities.

Continuing Education and Workforce Development

Lamar State College - Orange offers a wide variety of non-credit educational and recreational courses through its continuing education programs. Course offerings include personal development, computer skill enhancement, and professional development along with free community service learning opportunities. These classes provide opportunities for individuals to continue their education in the academic and technical/occupational areas. In addition, a number of classes are offered for persons interested in pursuing creative activities, cultural endeavors, and/or recreational programs.

Non-credit courses are open to interested adults without regard to eligibility for admission to college-credit programs. Lamar State College - Orange will award continuing education units (CEUs) to those who complete continuing education courses administered by the college. In no instance should the award of CEUs be equated with college credit toward a degree.

The ACE Program builds upon solid foundation by providing the necessary training and preparation for teacher certification. The ACE Program has supplied school districts across Texas with over 1,000 highly qualified teachers.

The Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development offers several customized business and industrial training programs. These programs are designed to fit the needs of local employers. Training can take place at a plant or office location, or on the Lamar State College - Orange campus. The division has worked with local business and industry to deliver courses in computer technology, supervisory training, business communication and maintenance technology. Courses may be structured in the form of one-day seminars or multi-faceted, long-term training.
Degrees, Certificates, and Institutional Awards

Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) Degrees

AA and AS degrees are designed to transfer to a four-year institution and form the basis for several career options and concentrations. The student must select courses that provide the best preparation in a particular major field at the specific institution planned for transfer.

The AA and AS curricula found in this section include electives as well as required courses for particular concentrations of study. It is imperative that a transferring student work closely with an academic advisor to plan a successful program for the selected senior institution. Students pursuing Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees must meet the testing requirements of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI).

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degrees

Curricula leading to the AAS degrees are intense programs of study designed to prepare students for employment after graduation. All programs are developed to ensure students achieve competencies in job skills. Some courses may transfer to four-year institutions, but students planning to pursue bachelors’ degrees should work closely with an academic advisor to plan for successful transfer of coursework. Requirements for the AAS degree include general education courses, specified courses in the chosen areas of study and a capstone or external learning experience course. Students pursuing Associate of Science degrees must meet the testing requirements of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI).

Certificates of Completion

Certified programs are traditionally one-year courses of study that provide specialized technical career training. Successful students develop essential skills and gain technical background that prepares them to enter the workforce. All certificate programs offered at LSC-O are exempt from the testing requirements of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), except information technology support assistant, medical administrative assistant, and vocational nursing.

Institutional Awards

The College offers Institutional Awards reflecting a course or series of courses that represent achievement of marketable skills or meet a student’s self-defined educational objective.
Programs of Study

**Associate of Arts in Teaching**
Teaching – Grades EC-6, 4-8, Special Ed EC-12
Teaching – Core Subjects, Grades 8-12

**Associate of Applied Science Degrees**
Business Management
Industrial Technology
Information Technology Support Specialist
Medical Laboratory Technology
Medical Office Professional
Process Technology
Upward Mobility Nursing

**Associate of Science Degrees**
Business
Communication
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Horticulture
Liberal Arts
Natural Science
Sociology
Theater

**Certificates of Completion**
Academic Certificate in General Studies
Business Management Accounting
CISCO Network Specialist
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice Corrections
Dental Assisting
Entrepreneurship
Information Technology Support Assistant – Networking
Information Technology Support Assistant – Software Development
Instrumentation
Medical Administrative Assistant
Medical Office Assistant
Medical Transcriptionist
Pharmacy Technology
Process Technology
Safety, Health, and Environmental
Vocational Nursing

**Institutional Awards**
Emergency Medical Technician – Basic
Forensic Science
Medical Office Receptionist
Wed Design/Multi-media